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OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS, JAN 19-20

REFS: A) STATE 11912; B) TELCON CAVAGNARO/FORRESTER
1/19/76; C) DAF/CCP/WP2/62

1. SUMMARY

WP2 CONSIDERED DRAFT REPORT BY SECRETARIAT ON "THE ENERGY LABELLING (FOR DOMESTIC APPLIANCES) A MEANS OF ENERGY CONSERVATION"(DAF/CCP/WP2/64). ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM DELEGATIONS, SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE A REVISED VERSION END OF MARCH FOR COMMENT BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. WP2 WILL NOT MEET BEFORE THE CCP PLENARY IN JUNE. END SUMMARY.

2. ENERGY LABELLING

THE SECRETARIAT REPORT CONSISTS OF FOUR PARTS: A) RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION, B) COUNTRY MEASURES ADOPTED, C) ENERGY LABELLING, D) ENERGY CONSERVATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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DENTIAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION, B) COUNTRY MEASURES ADOPTED,

C) OBJECTIVES, AND D) CONCLUSIONS. DELEGATES GENERALLY AGREED WITH CONTENTS OF SECRETARIAT REPORT BUT RESERVED RIGHT TO CHECK DATA CONCERNING THEIR COUNTRIES. US REP INFORMED WP OF EVOLUTION OF ENERGY LABELLING IN THE US, AND REPLACEMENT OF DEPT OF COMMERCE VOLUNTARY LABELLING PROGRAMS FOR HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES BY MANDATORY PROVISIONS. (REF A). NEW VERSION OF REPORT WILL INCORPORATE LATEST MEASURES TAKEN BY MEMBER COUNTRIES.

3. PART III, WHICH DISCUSSES OBJECTIVES OF ENERGY-LABELLING, WAS MORE CONTROVERSIAL. WP MEMBERS AGREED TO USEFULNESS OF ENERGY LABELLING AS CONSERVATION METHOD BUT FELT REPORT SHOULD STRESS A BROADER RANGE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES. ADDITIONALLY, MANY DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT UNCOORDINATED ENERGY LABELLING SCHEMES COULD CREATE NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE IS DISCUSSED IN PRELIMINARY DRAFT CONCLUSIONS (PART IV OF REPORT) WHICH WAS AIRPOUCHED JAN. 26. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS, US DEL RESERVED POSITION ON ALL SECTIONS OF SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT (REF B) AND PROMISED TO SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS TO SECRETARIAT.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

GILMER, HEAD OF CONSUMER POLICY SECRETARIAT, STRESSED OECD BUDGET CONSTRAINTS AND PROPOSED THAT WP2 BE ABOLISHED AFTER COMPLETION OF ITS WORK ON ENERGY LABELLING. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, SEVERAL DELS (CANADA, FRANCE, NORWAY) INDICATED THAT SUCH DECISION SHOULD BE LEFT TO DELEGATES AT FULL SESSION OF CCP WHEN IT ADDRESSES FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK.

5. ACTION REQUESTED

PLEASE PROVIDE MISSION NO LATER THAN FEB. 20 WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- A) COMMENTS ON PARTS I, II, III AND IV (CONCLUSIONS);
 - B) CORRECTED DATA, IF NEED BE, ON PART I;
 - C) INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY LABELLING AND RESULTS SO FAR OBTAINED. (THIS INFO WAS PROMISED
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BY US DEL SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. SEE REF C);
D) COPY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S EVALUATION OF VOLUNTARY ENERGY LABELLING SCHEMES.
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